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The Danger to Our Suffrage.

As intelligence among the voting class increases, in much the same proportion, the ranks of the independent voters are swelled. The more the voters read and think for themselves, the harder it is for them to be controlled by professional politicians. Party ties are not so binding as once they were and voters are not so easily persuaded by the eloquence of stump speakers. The working material becomes scarcer with each recurring election, for it is for the most part to be found at the bottom, among the ignorant and thoughtless who are swayed by the passing emotion of the hour.

If this were all, the situation would be very hopeful and would become more and more hopeful from time to time. The educational forces are at work and there is promise that eventually the number of ignorant and thoughtless voters will be reduced to such small proportions as to play an unimportant part in election contests. But there is a new danger which grows naturally out of this improved situation. As those who manipulate elections find the number of dupes to be growing less and less, they naturally look for other subjects and for the means of controlling them. They look to the corruptible voters whose ballots may be had for a price. We are afraid that the number in this class is growing larger instead of smaller, and if so, our last condition will be worse than the first.

There is no lack of money with the Republican party and there will be no lack so long as that party is in league and co-partnership and collusion with the rich element; and that is the danger which the honest voters in the United States must watch. We must watch both the corruptible and the corrupting element, and we must prevent them from carrying on their infamous traffic if we would save the republic from destruction. For our part we have less patience with the bribe-giver than with the bribe-taker. Of the two the former is more infamous, and he is more dangerous, for he is more powerful. But our remedy in law must be aimed especially at the vote-seller. So long as there are persons who sell their votes just so long will there be persons who will purchase. We must rid the individual States and the nation of the vote-seller. We must remove the supply. We must eliminate from the surface every man who puts a pecuniary value upon his ballot. We must make perpetual disfranchisement the penalty of vote-selling and we must enforce the law without mercy.

Republican Financing.

The Baltimore Sun published an article from the pen of "Savoyard," a well known Washington correspondent, reviewing the financial policies of the Republican party, in which it is said that soon after the war "the party plunged into a regular deluge of full legal tender paper money that carried in its train universal repudiation and demoralizing speculation," adding that "during a period of several years the easiest and surest way in the world to get rich was to go into debt."

There are two sides to that story. It was profitable for those who had already contracted debts to pay them off in depreciated paper money, but later on, there was a very different state of affairs. Many people purchased property at the inflated prices, paying part cash and giving their notes for the deferred payments. But as the country came nearer and nearer to a specie basis, money became dearer, prices went down and by and by when specie payments were resumed and the country practically paid upon a gold basis, those who had gone into debt on the rag money basis had to pay their debts in gold coin or its equivalent. It was a terrible blow to the debtor class and some of them were ruined by it. That is only one specimen of the "sound financial policies" of the Republican party.

Watson's Wild Talk.

There has been a great deal of wild talk during the present campaign, but none so wild as that which has proceeded from the lips of Mr. Thomas Watson, nominee of the Populist party for the presidency. In a speech at Indianapolis on the 20th instant, Mr. Watson said that "the plutocrat section of the Democratic party is as much opposed to a genuine man like Hearst or Bryan as the Republicans are that it cost plutocracy \$10,000,000 to defeat Bryan; that it would have cost them twice as much this year to defeat Hearst. Therefore," he said, "they bought the nomination for Parker."

It was cheaper to buy up a few hundred delegates than to buy millions of voters. That statement is not only wild, but reckless and outrageous. If Mr. Watson knows that any delegates to the St. Louis Convention were bought up for Parker, he ought to call names and furnish proofs. If he does not know it, it is shameful in him to make such an infamous charge. We do not like to say disagreeable things, but it is a well known fact that the candidate before the St. Louis Convention who spent most money, who spent it lavishly before the convention was held and during the convention, was Mr. William R. Hearst, whom Mr. Watson holds up as a model Democrat. It was boldly charged on that occasion that Mr. Hearst hired hundreds of claqueurs to go into the convention hall and yell for him, and while the ballot was being taken one delegate arose and made the open charge that his associates had been bought up for Hearst. On the contrary, it was never hinted during the convention, so far as we heard, that any money was used by the friends of Judge Parker to influence votes or in any way corruptly to promote his candidacy.

Why is it that Mr. Watson ignores all this and brings the charge of bribery and corruption against Judge Parker and his associates while holding up Hearst and his associates as immaculate Democrats? We do not mean to make charges against Mr. Hearst. We simply know that he did spend a great deal of money, a great deal more, to all appearances, than any other candidate spent, and for Mr. Watson to ignore these facts and bring an unsupported charge of bribery and corruption against Judge Parker is monstrous. Moreover, he puts his friends, Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hearst, in the absurd and humiliating position of being the champions of the people, and the opponents of plutocracy and corruption, yet giving their cordial support to the candidate who, as Mr. Watson alleges, was put up by the plutocrats through the corrupt use of money.

There is but one explanation of Mr. Watson's conduct, and that he himself made prominent in the concluding portion of his remarkable address at Indianapolis. His deduction was that Mr. Bryan could never again be an available candidate for the presidency, and that his mantle should fall upon the shoulders of Thomas Watson.

Once again we remark, Mr. Watson is playing a very shrewd game of politics.

Profit Sharing.

One of the most agreeable results growing out of the recent rise in the price of stocks is that certain employees of the United States Steel Corporation are by reason of the enhanced value of the preferred stock of that corporation \$800,000 richer than they were a few months ago. It will be recalled that in January, 1903, these employees purchased 48,933 shares of the stock at \$2.50 per share under the profit-sharing plan proposed by the company. This price was somewhat below the market at the time, but subsequently the preferred went down in the general slump and sold in the 50's. The corporation afterwards offered to sell its employees more stock at \$5 a share. Many of them availed themselves of the offer and purchased at the price named. It is figured out that these shares are now worth to the 16,243 employees who purchased it about \$60,000 more than it cost them. In addition, they have received \$227,033 in dividends.

These offers were made by the corporation and accepted by the employees in good faith and it is pleasant to know that the profit-sharers have found it profitable to become stockholders in the corporation for which they work.

Mr. Carnegie's Advice.

Some of the newspapers are now reproducing with comment a communication, which Mr. Andrew Carnegie published in a New York paper on January 3, 1894, in support of the Democratic party and the Wilson tariff. Mr. Carnegie was, of course, in favor of protection, for he was adding daily to his wealth, but he expressed the opinion that it would be infinitely better to have a moderately satisfactory tariff bill passed by the Democratic party, than even a more satisfactory tariff bill passed by the Republican party. "Is it not far better," he asked, "for manufacturers as a class to have the party, which has opposed the present tariff, frame a tariff which shall pass as just to all interests and for which it is responsible? Should the Democratic party pass a tariff bill," he concluded, "it will be its own work and it will be stopped from attacking it made for the few and not for the general interests of the nation. I submit that it is far better to obtain a moderate Democratic tariff bill, securing us stability and permanence satisfactory to all, rather than a high protective bill passed by the Republican party and certain to be the object of continual political attack."

The protectionists would be wise, if they should at this time adopt Mr. Carnegie's view. But the trouble with greed is that it knows no bounds. The protectionists are not satisfied with a moderate tariff. They have enjoyed the fruits of government favoritism for so long a time that they are unwilling to make any concessions. They are not satisfied with a half loaf; they want it all. But sooner or later their greed will lead to their destruction. The people might be willing to stand a moderate degree of robbery, but they will not forever submit to being held up and sandbagged.

Just before he died, General Matt. W. Ransom, of North Carolina, said: "Do right, boys. Always do right. God bless your mother. I am going."

This is worthy to go down the ages as a gem in the collection of the noblest "last words" of noble men.

Our Charlottesville correspondent makes mention of a postal card received by the authorities of that city from a woman in Petersburg, in which the Commonwealth is warned not to let Peterburg for jurors for the conviction of any man accused of wife murder, adding that there is not a man in all Petersburg to whom a woman can safely trust her life. Need we say that it is up to the chivalry of the Index-appeal to say a word in season and say it good and strong?

That pious Chicagoan who killed his wife because she wouldn't go to church reminds one of Artemus Ward's patriotic desire to sacrifice all of his wife's relations on the altar of his country's defense.

Baltimore's registration shows 101,894 whites and 17,880 blacks on the rolls. It appears from this that Baltimore is also eliminating the negro problem from its politics.

The beef trust has come out strong for Roosevelt. Now it is in order for the great American Amalgamated Association of Beef Consumers to declare for Parker and that will settle his election.

Russia announces inferentially that she will not hanker after peace as long as St. Petersburg is in no special danger of falling into the hands of the Japs.

When it gets too damp and too muddy for business in upper Manchuria the Port Arthur volcano will open up to keep the war news columns flushed.

The seven days or more of fighting around Mukden seems to have been a kind of gun swapping business between the Japs and the Russians.

Sixty-six speeches in a short campaign is pretty good work for a young man just in the eighties. Your Uncle Henry Davis is a hustler.

A great political party will ere long make a break for the rural vote by proposing national regulation of the automobile.

According to the "peace if we have to fight for it" theory, the most important peace conference is now being held near Mukden.

If "conformation and quality" count in the political arena as in the horse shows, Parker has been half elected all the time.

Watson and Debs were entered in the pony class and are not even contesting with the high jumpers.

Chairman Taggart stands pat on his alleged rainbows and says their colors are warranted to be fast.

There is lamentation in Kentucky since the long dry spell has reduced the mint crop.

A Few Foreign Facts.

Wales wants a capital, but though the search has been going on for years, no city has yet been found pre-eminently suited for the honor.

Canadians are said to be engaged extensively in shipping from Pacific ports cargoes of flour for Port Arthur—a risky, but, with fair play, not a losing business. Montreal firms are said to be particularly active.

The Japanese language contains no fewer than eighteen synonyms for the personal pronoun "I," one for each class of people, and etiquette makes it unlawful for a person to use one rank in society to make use of the pronoun pertaining to another.

At a public auction sale no offer was made for two old-fashioned woolen cloth mills at Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, England, where for more than a century west of England and other cloth had been manufactured. A great number of employees have received notice to quit.

In the village of Altenburg, on whose borders three countries meet, there are no soldiers, no police, no taxes, and its people are ruled by no monarch. The inhabitants speak a queer jargon of French and German combined, and spend their time cultivating the land and working the valuable calamine mine, which is the boast of the village.

The South Dakota Bonds.

In reporting that the Supreme Court had denied the motion of the State for rehearing in the South Dakota bond case, the Associated Press account added: "The decision has the effect of validating other North Carolina bonds of similar character." In this the usually correct Associated Press is in error. The only effect of that decision is to order the sale of the ten bonds of the State of South Dakota held in the hands of the State of North Carolina. It does not validate any other of the bonds.

We ask for information. The Associated Press and the leading newspapers of the State, in speaking of the decision of the Federal Supreme Court, state that the court has ordered the sale of the "bonds." Is this correct? Have the bonds been sold? If it is that 100 shares of this stock is to be sold the sale will be subject to the mortgage heretofore placed upon the road bonds of the North Carolina Railroad construction bonds, and the purchaser will acquire only the equity of redemption of the 100 shares sold as the property of the State. The question remains to be decided what 100 shares of the State's holding shall be put up for sale. Each one of the ten bonds held by the State of South Dakota has a face value of \$100,000. The payment is secured by a lien upon 10 shares of the North Carolina Railroad bonds. The question remains to be determined we do not see how the terms of the sale can be carried out.

We suppose, though, there will be no sale. The Supreme Court has refused to grant the request of the State that the date of sale, now set for January 21st next, be postponed in order to give the Legislature time to act upon the matter. The accrued interest on the ten bonds amounts to about seventeen thousand dollars, making the full amount due the State of South Dakota in the neighborhood of twenty-seven thousand dollars.—Wilmington Messenger.

The Boy Scored.

"Squire (to rural lad)—Now, my boy, tell me how do you know an old partridge from a young one."

Boy—By teeth, sir.

"Squire—Nonsense, boy. You ought to know better. A partridge hasn't got any teeth."

Boy—No, sir, but I have—Sporting Times.

What a Gift.

President Roosevelt has sent his photograph to a man who is the father of twenty-five children. That emphasizes the President's position on the race suicide question, but it may not buy the baby a new dress.—Nashville Banner.

A Bottle Free.

Drake's Palmetto Wine will restore the appetite, assist digestion, stimulate the liver and kidneys and cure such diseases as dyspepsia, indigestion, biliousness and constipation. Any reader of this paper who is suffering from any of these troubles will give you quick relief and a permanent cure and cost you nothing. Write for it today to the Chicago, Owes and Minor Drug Co., Distributing Agents.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, Va., Oct. 21.—Wednesday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Thornton, in Campbell county, was the scene of a pretty wedding, when their daughter became the wife of Mr. James Luther Taylor, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. J. Liggan, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will reside in Lynchburg, where Mr. Taylor is in business.

Burgess—Bryant.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, Va., Oct. 21.—Mr. Frank W. Burgess and Miss Rebecca F. Bryant, both of the city, were married Wednesday night at the parsonage of the College Hill Baptist Church here, the Rev. T. H. Athey, officiating. Both are well known young people of the city.

Atwill—Crowder.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) HEATHSVILLE, Va., Oct. 21.—One of the prettiest wedding ceremonies ever witnessed in this county, occurred yesterday at the home of J. J. Crowder, a prominent merchant of Heathsville, when his daughter, Miss Sadie Crowder, became the bride of Mr. Frank Atwill, a prominent young business man of Lower Northumberland, Pa. After the ceremony, the young couple left for a wedding trip to Washington and Baltimore, after which they will return and make their home in Heathsville.

Griffith—Brown.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) HEATHSVILLE, Va., Oct. 21.—Mr. Richard Griffith and Miss Sarah Lee Brown, both of Westmoreland county, were married at Cople Chapel, here, yesterday night. Rev. J. C. Latimer officiated at the ceremony. Miss Brown and Mr. Griffith are well known in this section of the county, being members of the (old) families of Westmoreland county.

Schooner is Damaged.

(By Associated Press.) NEWPORT NEWS, Va., October 21.—The schooner Dorothy Palmer, Captain Hardin, Baltimore, to Portland, Me., is reported ashore at Back River, Tugs are at work on the vessel attempting to float her. It is feared she is badly damaged.

Whiskey Seized.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DURHAM, N. C., Oct. 21.—A stock of whiskey, captured by the police officers here Monday night was seized yesterday by an agent of Uncle Sam and shipped to Raleigh. There were no stamps on it.

Colonel and Mrs. E. J. Parrish and daughter, formerly of Durham, but have been living in Tokyo, Japan, have sailed for America, and will come to Durham. They will land in California some time in November.

## VA. SYNOD IN SESSION

Presbyterians Open Their Meeting at Martinsburg, W. Va.

HOME MISSIONS DISCUSSED

Organization Effected and Many Interesting Matters Are Brought Up.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, Va., October 21.—The Presbyterian Synod of Virginia met last night and was opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., of Staunton, Va., from Romans 4:11, "That He Might Be the Father of the Faithful."

On the nomination of Rev. J. E. Thorbeck, Rev. B. B. McCluer, D. D., of Norfolk, Va., was by acclamation elected moderator, and Revs. J. N. H. Summerrell, D. D.; D. J. Woods and A. S. Rachal were elected temporary clerks. This morning the Synod was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Holmes Ralston.

The standing committees were appointed by the moderator, with chairmen as follows: Bills and Overtures, Rev. A. M. Fraser; Pulpit Committee, Rev. W. C. Campbell, D. D.; Union Theological Seminary, Rev. J. W. Lupton, D. D.; Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. A. C. Hopkins, D. D.; Narrative, Rev. A. L. McLean.

On Home Mission Work.

A communication was received from the Synod of West Virginia of the Northern Presbyterian Church, asking for the appointment of a committee to confer with a similar committee of that body in regard to home mission work. This paper was referred to a special committee to report on at a later time in this meeting. Much routine work was accomplished in the presentation of reports from the Presbyteries. Rev. C. W. Maxwell, the superintendent of the Synod Orphans' Home, made report of his work. The home has now twenty-three inmates, but has been obliged to decline to receive 240 others that have applied for admission, because they could not be accommodated. Mr. Maxwell reported that he had had an offer made of \$4,000 to build a dormitory for the boys, and that this would be paid as soon as \$6,000 additional was subscribed on the purchase fund of the farm.

Proposition Rejected.

Rev. S. L. Morris, D. D., secretary of home missions, made a strong address, presenting the home mission work of the general assembly, showing especially the great work being done in the Southwestern States. The overture offered last year by Rev. T. C. Johnson, D. D., in regard to changing the composition of the Synod was adopted. The representatives appointed by the Presbyteries was taken up, and after some discussion it was voted down by a very large majority. Mr. R. E. Magill, of Richmond, Va., the secretary of publication, was heard with much interest by the Synod, as in a strong business-like address he presented the work which he has in charge. He stated that the work was in a very prosperous condition. The interests of Hampton-Sidney College were presented in strong speeches made by the acting president, Professor W. H. Whiting, and Drs. W. C. Campbell and Joseph Rennie. At night, Dr. Cecil, of Richmond, preached a fine sermon.

POOR MAIL SERVICE.

Delays on the Route Make News Slow in King William.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) MANGOHIE, Va., Oct. 21.—The citizens of this section are very much disgusted at the tardiness of the way the mail is gotten to this section of the country. Now the newspapers leave Richmond by the Chesapeake and Ohio at 8:30 A. M. and get to Hanover Court-house, the distributing point for this section, at 9:24 A. M. and it stays at Hanover until 1 o'clock P. M. When it gets to this place it is 3 o'clock, as it has to stop at Luther and Calho before reaching here, and when it gets to Epworth and Globe, it is near 5 o'clock P. M. It gets to Etna Mills by 5 o'clock P. M., and at Ventor by 5:30 P. M. The majority of the citizens say the mail ought to leave Hanover at 10 o'clock A. M. and go to Aylett's from Lester Manor on the Southern Railroad, gets there by 11:30 A. M., a distance of twenty miles, but the mail that comes from Hanover, a distance of nine miles, gets here at 3 o'clock. The reason is the mail when it gets to Lester Manor leaves at once, and don't lay over for three or four hours. Often the people read the daily papers that come by private conveyance from Hanover four or five hours before the mail arrives at the postoffice.

LOUISA COUNTY.

Hog and Hominy Will Be Harvested in Plenty.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICK'S HALL, Va., October 21.—Farmers in this section are very backward with their wheat seeding, owing to hard ground. The rain will do well Thursday night will greatly relieve this trouble.

Fing corn crops are being garnered, so there will be no lack of hog and hominy in this section of the State the ensuing winter.

Dr. E. A. Terrell, remarkable to relate, counted 1,323 grains of corn on one ear raised by him. Many of the Louisa county people are attending the Horse Show this week. Among them Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Terrell, Mr. J. H. Crank, E. H. Polkewexter and Mr. O. P. Reynolds.

Mr. Percy B. Spicer, who was successfully operated on for appendicitis by Dr. George Ben. Johnston at the Memorial Hospital, is getting on nicely.

Miss Anna Garrett is spending some time with her brother, Mr. T. C. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hilyer will leave for Raleigh within a few days.

Miss Fannie Ashby is guest of Mrs. E. A. Terrell.

Mr. Hall Hardenbergh is taking a business course at the Massie Business College, Richmond.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, Va., Oct. 21.—Wednesday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Thornton, in Campbell county, was the scene of a pretty wedding, when their daughter became the wife of Mr. James Luther Taylor, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. J. Liggan, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will reside in Lynchburg, where Mr. Taylor is in business.

Burgess—Bryant.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, Va., Oct. 21.—Mr. Frank W. Burgess and Miss Rebecca F. Bryant, both of the city, were married Wednesday night at the parsonage of the College Hill Baptist Church here, the Rev. T. H. Athey, offic